

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

In compliance with the Revised Amendment Format, the status of each claim is identified, the text of all claims under examination is submitted, and the changes to the amended claims are shown in strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).

Please amend claims 1 and 7, as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method for making a plastic dry food container, said method comprising the steps of:
    - a) forming a thin sheet of ethylene vinyl alcohol film as an inner-most interior surface of the container;
    - b) placing a dry food product within said container, wherein the dry food product comes into contact with the ethylene vinyl alcohol film and acts as a desiccant to draw moisture away from the ethylene vinyl alcohol film; and
    - c) sealing said container.
  2. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ethylene vinyl alcohol layer is less than 0.5 mils thick.
  3. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ethylene vinyl alcohol layer is approximately 0.1 mils thick.
  4. (Canceled)
  5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the dry food product comprises a water activity of less than .6 upon the sealing of step c.
  6. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the dry food product comprises a water activity of less than .4 upon the sealing of step c.

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7. (Currently Amended) A multi-layer plastic container comprising:  
an inner-most interior layer of ethylene vinyl alcohol, said layer of ethylene-vinyl alcohol being less than 0.5 mils thick;  
a dry food product having desiccant properties sealed within said container.
8. (Original) The multi-layer plastic container of claim 7 wherein said dry food product comprises a water activity of less than .6.
9. (Original) The multi-layer plastic container of claim 7 wherein said dry food product comprises a water activity of less than .4.
10. (Previously Amended) The multi-layer plastic container of claim 7 wherein said layer of ethylene vinyl alcohol is approximately 0.1 mils thick.
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